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Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2011, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 20th and 25th meetings, on 2 December and 23 December 2011. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/66/SR.20 and 25).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 (A/66/526);

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/66/576).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.6

4. At its 25th meeting, on 23 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei" (A/C.5/66/L.6), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Guatemala.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.6 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1990 (2011) of 27 June 2011, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei for a period of six months,

Recalling also its resolution 65/257 B of 30 June 2011, in which it authorized the Secretary-General to draw upon the resources approved for the United Nations Mission in the Sudan in entering into commitments for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2011 for the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei and any further missions established by the Security Council before 31 December 2011 in support of the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement,[3]

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010 and 65/289 of 30 June 2011, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

[1] A/66/526.
[2] A/66/576.
[3] S/2005/78, annex.

4. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

6. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269 and 65/289;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012

9. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a Special Account for the Force for the purpose of accounting for the income received and expenditure incurred in respect of the Force;

10. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the Force the amount of 175,500,000 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 for the maintenance of the Force;

Financing of the appropriation

11. *Also decides* to apply to the Special Account for the Force the total amount of 67,013,400 dollars from the amount of 482,460,550 dollars previously apportioned under the terms of its resolution 65/257 B for the United Nations Mission in the Sudan, the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei and the United Nations Mission in South Sudan in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 64/249 of 24 December 2009, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2011, as set out in its resolution 64/248 of 24 December 2009;

12. *Further decides* to apply to the Special Account for the Force the amount of 1,363,800 dollars, representing the respective shares of Member States in the Tax Equalization Fund of the balance of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei and already set off against the apportionment among Member States under the terms of resolution 65/257 B and in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

13. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 18,849,503 dollars for the period from 1 July to 27 December 2011, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 64/249, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2011, as set out in resolution 64/248;

14. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 89,637,097 dollars for the period from 28 December 2011 to 30 June 2012, at a monthly rate of 14,625,000 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in General

Assembly resolution 64/249, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2011 and 2012, as set out in resolution 64/248, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

15. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

16. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Force under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

17. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

18. *Decides* to keep under review during its sixty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei".